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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION - STARRED QUESTION NO.154 of Sri K. Suryanarayana Rao - Oil Engines and Pumpsets acquired by the Agricultural Department - Papers - Recorded.

Development Department.

Letter No.32232 A IV/48-3 Dated 7--7--1948.

To

Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, B.A., M.L.C.,
20, Edward Elliot Road, Mylapore, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Legislative Council Question (Starred) Question No.154 regarding oil engines and pumpsets acquired by the Agricultural Department.

I am directed to state that in view of the prorogation of the Madras Legislative Council with effect on and from 24-5-1948 your question No.154 (Starred) on the above subject could not be answered on the floor of the House. I am however to forward herewith a copy of the answer together with a copy of the statement which proposed to lay on the table of the House for your ~~fi~~ information.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary to Government.

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Superintendent,
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MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (STARRED QUESTION NO.154).

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO, M.L.C.

*Q.No.154:- With reference to answer to Question No.214 answered on the 20th December, 1947, will the Hon'ble the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of oil engines, pump sets, etc., purchased by Government year-war, the amount paid for them the sources of supply etc., since the Grow More Food Campaign was inaugurated;

(b) the number of engines, pumpsets etc., sold to ryots at cost price or less than the cost price and whether the sale is outright or on hire-purchase system;

(c) the number of engines, pumpsets etc., available on hire for the use of ryots and the terms on which they are hired out;

(d) the staff employed for the purchase, sale and hiring of these engines etc., and the cost to Government on that account; and

(e) whether the transactions in respect of these engines etc., have resulted in profit or loss and what the amount involved is?

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Answers.

(a) The information is furnished in Part I of the statement laid on the table of the House.

(b) 190 petrol pumpsets and 38 oil engines have been sold to the ryots. They are sold by the Department only at cost price plus incidental charges and without loss to Government and not below cost price. The sale is outright on lump payment.

(c) The information is furnished in Part II of the statement.

(d) The details are given in Part III of the statement.

(e) This service is being provided by the Department as a long-needed measure of assistance to agriculturists and not as a commercial proposition. Hence there is no question of profit. As for loss, the sales are being made on a no-loss-to-Government basis, vide answer to clause (b). Some loss is incurred however in hiring engines and pumpsets at concessional rates. The subsidy so far incurred by Government on this account is Rs.1,12,527/-. It is being shared with the Government of India.

C.V.NARASIMHAN,
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

(The above answers have been approved by the Hon'ble Sri K. Madhava Menon, Minister for Agriculture).

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STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

PART I

Number of oil engines, pumpsets, etc., purchased by Government year-war, the amount paid for them and the source of supply.

Number of oil engines pumpsets, etc.	Amount paid.	Source of supply
(1)	(2)	(3)
1946--	Rs.	
From April 1946 to December 1946 (The New Agricultural Engineering Branch started working in April 1946)--		
(i) Petrol pumpsets - 174	1,29,120	Thompsons disposals.
(ii) Oil engines - 47 (34 Pelapone, 8 Hill diesel and 5 Southern Cross).	1,92,700	-do-
(iii) Petrol pumpsets-618.	2,94,000	From America through Director-General of Industries and Supplies.
(iv) Oil engines - 13 ..	62,400	Southern Command.
(v) Club Coventry - 38 ..	76,760	Messrs. Parry and Company.
1947--		
(vi) Pelapone engines-3 ..	6,396	Messrs. William Jacks and Company.
(vii) Cub Coventry - 90 ..	1,88,900	Messrs. Parry and Company.
(viii) Pelapone engines-8..	27,760	Messrs. William Jacks and Company.
(ix) A B C Engines-15 ..	35,230	Messrs. A.C.E.C.Limited. Madras.

PART II.

Number of engines, pumpsets available on hire for the use of ryots and the terms on which they are hired out.

Number available for hire.	Terms on which they are hired out.	
	Normal rates.	Concessional rates. (Sanction expires on 30th September 1948).
1. Petrol pumpsets-602	Rs. A. P. 1 0 0 (per day)	Annas eight per day subject to a maximum of Rs.10 per mensem.
2. Oil engines-14	3 0 0 (per day) or 75- 0 0 (per mensem) or 200-0--0 (for 8 months).	Re.1 per day-- (Fuel and lubricant charges to be met by the parties themselves).

PART III

Staff employed for the purchase, sale and hiring of the engines and the cost to Government on that account.

Each district is provided with a complement of engineering staff consisting of two Agricultural Engineering supervisors (or one according to the volume of work) and pumpset drivers working under the Administrative control of the District Agricultural Officer, for carrying out the periodical repairs and maintenance of the pumpsets.

In respect of oil engines for pumping one driver is appointed for each engine held departmentally and issued on hire to the ryots.

The exact cost to Government on account of the staff cannot be assessed separately in respect of the pumpsets and oil engines alone in view of the fact that the services of the same staff are utilised for works connected with all other engineering aids to agriculturists, such as procurement of pipes and fittings implements iron and steel and tractor schemes. The exact apportionment of amount cannot, therefore, be furnished for this specific item alone.

Please see G.O.Ms.No.1284, Public Elections, dated 24-5-1948 informing the ~~prorogation~~ prorogation of the Legislative Assembly and Council. The papers may be recorded. (It is presumed that information need not be sent to the M.L.C. by letter.

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H.M.(Agri). H.M. has agreed to the M.L.C. being informed by letter, in the top file (C.No.30221 A IV).

A draft letter to Sri R.Suryanarayana Rao, M.L.C. is submitted for approval.

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G.O.Ms.No.3800. Dated the 17th July 1948.

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